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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the death tax
9 was temporarily phased out, but not permanently eliminated; and

10 WHEREAS, Farmers and other small business owners will face losing
11 their farms and businesses if the federal government resumes the heavy
12 taxation of citizens at death; and

13 WHEREAS, This is a tax that is particularly damaging to families
14 who are working their way up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth
15 for the first time; and

16 WHEREAS, Employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses
17 are liquidated to pay death taxes; and

18 WHEREAS, If the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the United
19 States economy would have realized billions of dollars each year in

1 extra economic output and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs
2 would have been created; and

3 WHEREAS, Having repeatedly passed in the United States House of
4 Representatives and Senate, repeal of the death tax holds wide
5 bipartisan support;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
7 United States Congress support, work to pass, and vote for the
8 immediate and permanent repeal of the death tax.

9 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
10 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
11 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
13 Washington.

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